# Higher Education Sustainability Network Newsletter Fall 2022

provide a network for faculty, administrators, staff, students, and organizations who interact with Tennessee's higher education institutions to come together to collaborate, support, share, and advise on sustainability best practices.

Tennessee's Higher Education Sustainability Initiative serves to

Highlight, Events and Opportunities GameDay Football Challenge

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#### spring (February-March), hundreds of higher education institutions across the country encourage their campuses to "up their game" by reducing waste and

increasing their recycling, reuse and composting in an effort to beat rival campuses. This year, **GameDay Football Challenge** is also being offered this Fall and registration is now open! Campuses will choose one home football game. Three categories will be available to participate in, which includes recycling, waste minimization, and food organics. Campuses can participate in one or more of these categories and will be asked to report on the following:

competition among colleges and universities, managed by the National

Wildlife Federation, and governed by RecycleMania, Inc. For eight weeks each

 Total waste in pounds diverted Date of game Arena Opponent Total attendees If your campus would like to participate in GameDay Football this season, sign

up **here**. The last day to register is Sunday, November 13, 2022.

**State-Licensed Child Care Facilities** 

**Lead Testing in Drinking Water Project Services to** 

Tennessee Highlight

### CUPP) and funding available through EPA, we have partnered with the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Lemoyne-Owen College, who will conduct education

Through Tennessee's College/Underserved Community Partnership Program (TN

and outreach to 186 state-licensed child care facilities in Hamilton, Bradley, and Marion Counties, and 185 state-licensed child care facilities in Shelby County. The

## overall objective is to inform child care centers about free lead testing service and increase participation to determine lead concentrations at drinking water outlets (point of use). Providers can take corrective action(s) as necessary to reduce young children's lead exposure from drinking water sources. Additional objectives include providing education about lead and the importance of testing and assisting providers needing to take corrective action(s) with technical assistance and making referrals to \$1000 remediation funding available. Lead is a toxic metal that can be harmful to human health when ingested. Young children under the age of six years old are particularly sensitive to the effects of lead

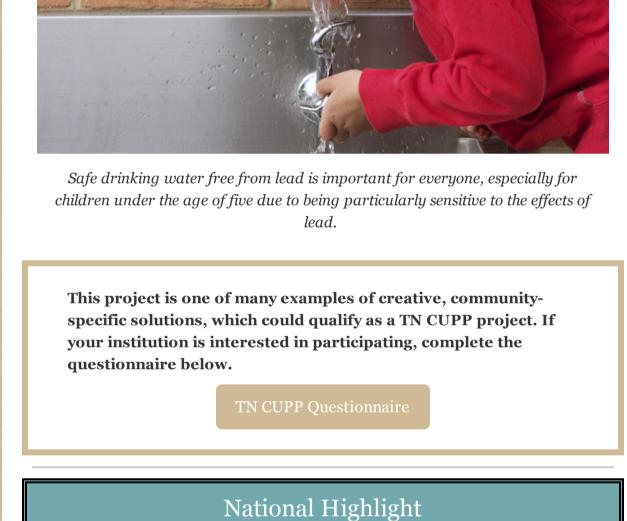
because their bodies are still undergoing development. All participants benefit from this

children. Child care providers benefit from no-cost technical assistance provided by the students. Professors and students benefit by gaining hands-on experience in their areas

TN CUPP project. The community benefits from having safe drinking water for

of study, with students earning college credit and building their resumes; and

professors gaining recognition for their department and university. To learn more about TN CUPP, click **here**.



**Assistance to** Communities in the

**Southeast** 

**Morehouse College** 

**Health Technical** 

**Students Provide Public** 

The EPA College/Underserved

(EPA CUPP) partnered with

Sciences Institute to connect

underserved and overburdened

Community Partnership Program

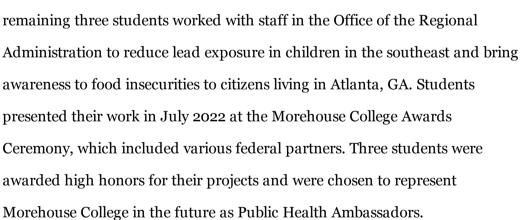
Morehouse College Public Health

# communities with student technical assistance. The students worked diligently with EPA Region 4 communities over the summer of 2022 to provide valuable public health technical assistance. Two of the students worked with the Air and Radiation

Division, in the areas of radon awareness and ozone exceedances. The

**Events and Opportunities** 

ZERO WASTE



ARE YOU A BUSINESS, MANUFACTURER, HIGHER ED INSTITUTION, NON-PROFIT OR **ORGANIZATION THAT IS** INTERESTED IN REDUCING THEIR WASTE? THIS WEBINAR SERIES IS FOR **YOU!** In celebration of Zero Waste Day on October 27th, TDEC is hosting a series of webinars throughout the week of October 24-28th to learn how to go Zero Waste. Designed to help Tennessee higher education institutions, businesses, entrepreneurs, and residents take charge of their waste, the week will feature a variety of guest speakers. We will focus on

educating Tennesseans on the importance of zero waste, and how to implement these practices within your own organization. A webinar link will be shared to members of the Higher Education Sustainability Network closer to date. If you're being forwarded this newsletter and would like to join the network, click the link provided at the bottom of the

**If your higher education institution** is interested in becoming a Zero Waste Partner, visit the Zero Waste TN website, or reach out to Kelsey Davis at Kelsey.davis@tn.gov to

Campus Race to Zero Waste (2023 Registration Now Open) AASHE Global Conference on Sustainability in Higher Education (Streaming Live October 18, 2022) EPA's Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program (Opportunity Closes November 1, 2022)

EPA Green Chemistry Challenge (Opportunity Closes December 9, 2022)

Project Green Challenge (Register Now; Challenge Dates October 1-30, 2022

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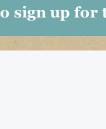
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